

The FCC proposition to require taping of radio broadcasts between the hours of 6am to 10pm is one most small market stations cannot embrace. The financial burden of purchasing equipping and maintenance costs could potentially force small market stations off the air. Also, most small market radio stations already make an extra effort to air obscenity-free programming, and few try to keep their listeners tuned in by using shock-value. While there may be a need for a proposition like this in larger markets, there is no need to punish small, local, community-based stations for something some DJ in New York City said on the air. On-Air decency is an issue, but punishment should not be implemented by the FCC to every broadcast company in the United States. All that will result in is the death of small markets.

Thank you,

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